

2026-2027 SCHOOL UPDATE

PROGRAM(S): EDN and ECSE

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STUDENT OVERVIEW

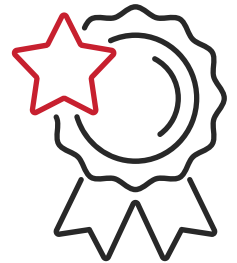
CURRENT ENROLLMENT IN EARLY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (EDN): 33 Families

CURRENT ENROLLMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE): 71 students

% SPECIAL EDUCATION: 46 % ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS: 28

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (EDN)

Nebraska is one of only five states with a unique "birth mandate" law, meaning public education and intervention services are guaranteed and free for children starting at birth rather than just transitioning at age three. Our team services families in their homes and works with them on child and family outcomes that are part of their Individual Family Service Plan. Our Part C family survey results for 2026 give us 100% satisfaction in effectively communicating needs, helping children develop, and assisting families with understanding their rights.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (ECSE)

Our team at Underwood Hills educates children ages 3 to 5 in five inclusive preschool classrooms. In Fall 2025, 62% of our students were meeting/exceeding developmental expectations. By spring 2026, 86% of our students were meeting/exceeding developmental expectations. We also provide services to students on IEP's in many of the ECC classrooms and through itinerant services at multiple district elementaries and a private school.



SPECIAL EVENTS / CELEBRATIONS

Our team has been reaching out to child cares throughout the district for Child Find and to share the great work Westside does for children ages birth to five. We are excited for our Fall Festival on October 22nd, a shared event between EDN, ECSE, and the ECC.

TWO FUN FACTS

1. Our curriculum allows our students to explore a topic through hands on learning and answering a new investigative question each week. Come and learn more about trees with our preschoolers as they continue to investigate the Tree Study.
2. Our team is writing a book titled "Nice Brice" to encourage more literacy experiences. Students can check out a backpack with the book and a stuffed bison to share with their families at home.